Proposal to identify and develop areas on priority basis

†3310. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to include some areas after their identification for development on priority basis during the Tenth Five Year Plan for the rural development of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such areas; and

(c) total percentage of villages targeted to be benefited with developments in these areas by the end of Tenth Plan, under the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission is in the process of formulation of the Tenth Five Year Plan. Specific proposals will be known when the plan is finalised.

Projects sanctioned under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme in Karnataka

3311. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the projects sanctioned under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme in Karnataka by the Rural Development Ministry during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: A sum of Rs. 432.11 lakhs was released to Karnataka during 2000-2001 for the ongoing watershed development projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme. However, no new project was sanctioned. For the year 2001-2002, the Ministry has already initiated the process for sanctioning new projects under the Programme in various States including Karnataka.

Deen Dayal Bunkar Kalyan Yojana in Bihar

†3312. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced "Deen Dayal Bunkar Kalyan Yojana" in Bihar;

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